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Subject: Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project

My son Scott and I strongly support the Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project (Project). The Granite Basin area has long been a very popular destination for off road motorcyclists and other OHV enthusiasts because it offers quality intermediate to expert single track trails and unpaved roads in an unusually beautiful natural environment. Simply put, it is a great area for OHV enthusiasts, including families.

The Project is very much needed due to the impact of the August 2010 Record of Decision for the Plumas National Forest Travel Management Plan, which greatly reduced riding opportunities in the Feather River District. Additionally, the more recent policy change by Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) closed SPI lands to public access by motor vehicles, including some roads on SPI lands that are needed to access public lands.

The project will enhance recreational opportunities for OHV users and reduce resource impacts by providing approximately 15 additional miles of carefully located, well planned, and sustainable singletrack trails suitable for intermediate riders. The Project will improve connectivity between trails by road reclassification and/or mixed use where appropriate. This will facilitate loop travel by off road motorcyclists and OHV enthusiasts who utilize quad, side by side, and other four-wheeled vehicles, by providing legal connecting routes.

We prefer OHV Route Alternative 2, which is located and designed to address resource concerns. Alternative 3 is also acceptable, if cultural resource concerns do not render this option infeasible. We are flexible regarding the three road reclassification alternatives.

Scott and I are pleased with the overall high quality of the Project, and appreciate the numerous resource protection measures that will be included in project design and implementation. We commend Butte County, the Butte County Resource Conservation District, and the Plumas National Forest for their efforts to date for the Project, and strongly desire that it move forward to completion in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project

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